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Application No.

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Examiner

Longbit Chai

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to phone interview on 6/5/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 - 5, 8 - 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and 34 - 35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 6/5/2007.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In view of Appeal Brief filed on 28 February 2007 and an authorization for this Examiner's Amendment given in a telephone interview with Jack H. McKinney (Reg. No. 45,685) on 5 June 2007, the claimed subject matters are more distinctly pointed out as patentable features to place the application in the condition for allowance.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 6, 7, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19 – 21, 24 – 26, 28 and 31 – 33.

Replace claims 1, 2, 13 and 22.

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Claim 1:

A method for sharing documents data including the steps of:
receiving, from a user of a client, a request for a document data from a server;
obtaining access rights for the user; and
downloading to the client the access rights, the document data, and an applet,
the applet being operable to customize a display of the data document by the client
according to the access rights, and allowing modification of the document according to
the access rights.

Claim 2:

The invention of Claim 1 further comprising verifying that the user has access
rights for the document data.

Claim 13:

A document management system comprising:
a server for providing data from a document stored in a folder, the server
operable to receive, from a user of a client, a request for the data; and
an agent associated with said folder, the agent operable to obtain access rights for the
user and to cause the server to download to the client the access rights, the data, and
an applet, the applet being operable to customize a display of the data by the client
according to the access rights, wherein the agent is further operable to allow
modifications of the data according to the access rights.

Claim 22:

The method of Claim 1 wherein downloading includes downloading the accesses rights and the document data with a session key, wherein the access rights and the data document have been encrypted with the session key and the session key has been encrypted with a public key for the user.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 5, 8 – 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and 34 – 35 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited in independent claims 1 and 13.

The prior arts fail to teach or suggest a method for sharing documents including the steps of: receiving, from a user of a client, a request for a document from a server; obtaining access rights for the user; downloading to the client the access rights, the document, and an applet, the applet being operable to customize a display of the document by the client according to the access rights, and allowing modification of the document according to the access rights.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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